Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the State Water Control Board that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Dinwiddie, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 3, 2013 to August 22, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING: Dinwiddie Middle School Auditorium, 11608 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841 on August 7, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PURPOSE OF HEARING: To obtain input from the public related to this project for the Board to consider. INFORMATION BRIEFING: Same date and location from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Rohoic Creek WWTP issued by the Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Dinwiddie County Water Authority, 23008 Airpark Drive, Petersburg, VA 23803; VA0092274. NOTE: The previous public notice contained a typographic error in the permit number.

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Rohoic Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, near the intersection of US Route 460 and Rawlings Lane, Petersburg, VA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Dinwiddie County Water Authority has applied for the reissuance of a permit for the public Rohoic Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 4.0 million gallons per day (MGD) into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be disposed in a landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage into Hatcher Run in Dinwiddie County in the Chowan River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, nutrients, and solids. DEQ's preliminary decision is to recommend issuance of the permit.

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC: The previous public comment period was from May 1, 2013 to May 31, 2013. The comments received at that time included the following: The effect that the proposed discharge may have on wildlife, nutrient control requirements equivalent to Chesapeake Bay standards, the volume of the discharge, the possibility of stream and groundwater contamination, and water quality concerns for Hatcher Run.

HOW TO COMMENT: The Board accepts comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and must be received by DEQ during the comment period. The Board also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. To make a statement at a public hearing, write your name on a sign-up sheet available before the hearing. You may sign up only for yourself. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below or at:

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CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ms. Jaime Bauer; Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia, 23060; Phone: 804-527-5015; E-mail: Jaime.bauer@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-527-5106.